a many useful gifts were re-Me Sam Morris says) has Mildred, India and Barbara Johnson,

LOCALS

a St. Louis. Mrs. J. V. Williams has returned

ant visit in St. Louis. Shroeder, of Louisiana, was of friends here Sunday. e Harvey has returned the Holidays in

W. F. Whitney departed Wedter to visit Mrs. A. B.

riday after a pleasant visit in Kan-

Mrs. H. E. Arthur returned hor

Massa Mattie and Jennie Karnes Miss Penri Morris left Monday for

rkaville, after spending the Holi-Miss Dorothy Esson, who has been the past year, has returned n St. Louis.

Mrs. Wright, of Kansas City, is at of her sister, Mrs. W. L. et, on East Jackson street. ge Ross, of Columbia, has after spending the with Mrs. L. F. Mitchell. or and Lucile Conneldr. and Mrs. W. W. Fry, Jr., Mon-

narial pervice for Miss France ion will be held at the Library on at 2:30 by the U departed Wednesday

New York, after spending the ening. at of his mother, Mrs.

ending the Holidays with W. C. Johnson. Miss Velma Vasconsellos, of Louis-

rnes as stenographer. beautiful new Victrola. Mrs. W. R. Hisey and two children med from Excelsior Sprngs Mrs. H. R. McLain and

Williams, Dorothy y Louise Hawthorne day at the It is with regret we learn that Mas-r Billy Bledsoe is quarantned with is quarantned with theria. We mss Billy and hope on be out and playing

Misses Louise and Marcena Johnson we returned to Columbia after in, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Bert Wells had

nests for the week-end, Misses Mary ons Musick, of Kansas City, and dry Fairy Linsley, of Oakaloosa, wa, and Easl Allen, of Tulsa, Okla

CLUBS

day afternoon with rs. J. W. Gregory as Leader. Papers ere read by Mrs. Dearing, "John onne;" Miss Houston, "Comparison cal Mary Stuart with Schilr's Mary Stuart;" Mrs. Hayne, oz The Chatnaqua Club met at the Li-

ary Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. ull St. Vrain leader. The subject rend by Miss Cassie Botts on ocial Reforms and Philanthropy of unde," and Mrs. Alex Carter on

DINNERS

e had as dinner eyes

Mrs. J. O. Edmonston had as dinner

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sappington had guests Inc New Year's dinner on ny Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jesse, Rodes d Ralph Joses and Will C. Williams. ies, Iowa.

and Mrs. J. T. Johnson enter-

t her home on East Monroe Margaret Blackwell. drs. W. W. Fry enter-

Looking Back in Society

Mr. and Mrs. Renfo Gibbs enterained at a family dinner.

A Christmas dance and euchre party was given at the Elks' Club rooms. Ethridge gave a party at the home Mrs. Luke Morris and Mrs. Lela of the former. Fifty guests were prese: one married while in Mitchell won the prizes offered.

Mr. Joseph Glandon entertained cently passed that way. Snowflakes the Mexico members of the Sigma Nu doted the chairs and floor and a deep our gowns, or parties, fraternity with a luncheon. Mr. J. snowdrift lay on the table.

Melson gave a family dinner. The and green ribbons extended from the been abandoned and that the company ar by some of our mar- lowing: Judge and Mrs. Alex Car-Mr. H. E. C. Tucker's ter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Misses

> Mrs. W. C. Johnson gave a New Year's dinner Monday for her house guests, Misses Ada and Ida Bush, A. four-course dinner was enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Trimble, of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boillot, Mrs. J. C. Buckner, Miss

Mary Walker, William Pollock and Wm. Walker Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Pilcher entertained at an elaborate five-course dinner on Tuesday evening. A large vase of red roses graced the center of the table. The following enjoyed a delightful evening: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Claybrook, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McKinley and Mr. and Mrs. F. P.

Carolina and pepper berries from Cal-lifornia, graced the center of the in-Robert Campbell spent the week-end | Carolina and pepper berries from Cal-George | George | G ble, these being Christmas gifts to Keath, Ray Miller, Nisbet Livingston, the hostess, and were very much adarned after spending a week mired. Covers were laid for the fol- Norris and Ned Miller. lowing: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Trimble, Mrs. J. C. Bledsoe and Miss Georgia Guthrie.

Judge and Mrs. Alex Carter gave an elaborate five-course dinner on Sunday at their beautiful new home. A lle, Mo., were guests ter, Messrs, Lyn Webb, of Kansas City, and Wilfley Johnson.

> Forty young people of the Methodist Church enjoyed a watch party at gomery; Tom Robnett, of New York; the church Sunday night. Light re- Dr. and Mrs. Martin, of Kansas City, freshments were served during the ev- and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Myall, of

enjoyed a buffet lunch at the home of E. C. Club n Friday afternoon. Af-Misses Ada and Ida Bush, of Ful- Miss Marylee Burks: Miss Jennie ter an hour of sewing and talking, all est the week-end the guest of Parker, Messrs. Harry Stocks and L. was laid aside when the hostess serv J. Webber, of Iowa.

dred Moore and Mack Moore and Miss son entertained the following with a Gertrude Fry enjoyed a pleasant evening last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. septed a position with Wallace Dearing, and heard their Miss Mary Buckner, Miss Ruth Rob-

The following enjoyed a skating party at the M. M. A. lake Monday night and later were refreshed by a lunch at the Hotel Hoxsey: Misses Lelia Winans, Willie Hook, Messrs. Will Williams and Carter Norris.

which was a beautiful pair of pillow cases. After the games the hostess served an elegant two-course lunch. The guests of the club were Mes-

dames Lewis Moore and W. W. Frv. Miss Dorothy Holmes was given a when a few of her friends called with a goodly supply of refreshments and started having music and dancing. Those in the jolly party were Miss graphs. She is succeeded by Miss Lelia Winans, Miss Willie Hook, Mes. Gertrude Fry. - Kansas City Times.

srs. Will Williams, Carter Norris and Robert Hare, of Fulton. On last Friday afternoon Miss Marthe Dearing entertained the following girls at her home on the Boulevard: Misses Helen Howell, Mary Hatcher, Lillian Richards, Vera Rutter, Mildred Moore, and Marguerite Greer. These girls spent a most enjoyable time listening to the new Vic-

trola, and later the hostess served a most palatable lunch. Misses Virginia Rodgers entertained friends Monday afternoon with a Rook re subject 'Papers' games, the hostess served a delicious Botts on lunch. The following girls enjoyed thropy of Carter on generat and Park Served and Served and Served Served and Served Serve party. After some very interesting "Sellgion of France." Papers games, the hostess served a delicious Atkins, Ruth Hayne, Alice Fish, Hazel McIntyre, Frances Parker, Leona

Jones and Elizabeth Harper. Misses Esther Rodhouse and Elizabeth Hape entertained friends Tuesday night with a line party at the Orpheum in honor of Miss Frances Hulen, of Centralia. After the movies the guests enjoyed a two-course ests Sun'sy, Misses Mildred Moore, lunch at the Gem. Those in the partherine Adams and Phyllis Frost, ty were: Misses Irene Campbell, Vandslis, and Jim Tom Edmonston, Frances Hulen, Messrs. Willis Wald, ms and Phyllis Frost, ty were: Misses Irene Campbell, Raymond Gallager, Roy Worley and

Warren Donald. Sims Rixey was given a most en joyable surprise party on last Saturday night. Seven couples enjoyed Mins Jennie Parker gave a dinner on the evening in music and dancing, and onday at her home on Clark ave-later Mrs. Rixey served a delicious c. The following guests enjoyed a lunch. Those in the party were: ar source dinner: Miss Mary Lee Misses Helen Wilkins, Helen Plun-rke Miss Jane Sloss, of Oklahoma; kett Emily Gibbs Pauline Craddock, esars, Harry Stocks, and L. J. Web- Frances McCue, Ruth Cauthorn, Margaret Wilson and Isabelle Coons, of Fulton; Messrs. Harry Rose, Archie r Monday, Mrs. T. J. Rodgers, Houston Willard, Frank Wilkeit, of Fulton, Jim Rodgers, of kins, Frank Houston, Dan Cole, of Coleage, Mr. and Mrs. Clayborn lumbia and John Brown, of Higbee. On Sunday evning Miss Marcena nason, Cave Johnson, Misses Mar-rot illactuall and Frances Gup-home of her parents on East Monroe street. Various games and music Miss Louise Johnson gave a dinner were enjoyed till a late hour, when the hostess served delicious refreshments.

of her house guest, The following guests were present: ret Blackwell, of Fayette. Misses Margaret Wilson, Helen Wilid for the following: kins, Franc Johnson, Jane Rodgers, Vallace Fry, Miss Fran- Louise Johnson, Margaret Blackwell, of Fayette; Frances Gupton, of Montgomery; Messrs. Frank Houston, mily dinner. Covers Bryan Atchison, Ralph Garrett, Loyd and Mrs. Elon Dear- Campbell, Houston Willard, Archie bank,

Wallace Dearing, Rodgers, Edwin Cave, William Van-Martha Dearing, and deventer and Ralph Buckner. Miss Mildred Peal gave an elabor-

(From the Files of Jan. 3, 1907) | W. Killam was the guest of honor and lace Fry were the other guests.

Misses Abby Llewellyn and Edith ent and the evening was spent in Mr. and Mrs. Walker Pollock gave conversation and music. The decorain elaborate dinner. Twenty one tions of the dining room were unique, guests were seated at the beautifully the room was decorated to make it appear as if a snowstorm had re-

a snow shovel. Please ask Olivia Carter and Helen Frances the dinner, Miss Pearl took her guests brought more as junk than when University of Missouri. Threlkeld, Anna Dec Fish, Messrs. used a heavier trolley wire. Morris Dry, Horace McGee, Glen Squires, Howard Wayne and Loyd Campbell.

> rived, a huge Christmas tree was ly fenced, sought. brought forth and Charles Guthie impersonating Santa Claus gave to each

Charles Guthrie, Ben Locke, Carter

Charles Guthrie, Ben Locke, Carter Norris and Ned Miller.

The New Year's dance and card party, given by the Elks at their Home Monday evening, was one of the most delightful affairs of the season. At cards, Mrs. O. L. Martin won the prize, a cut glass cream and sugar set; and Edgar Kent carried off honors for the men, and received a gold of the boy whom I notice by newswhite narcissus graced the center of prize, a cut glass cream and sugar of "ye olden time." white narcissus graced the center of the table, and covers were laid for ors for the men, and received a gold the following: Mr. and Mrs. G. N. ors for the men, and recursive the following: Mr. and Mrs. G. N. knife. The out of town guests were: Melson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Misses Charlotte and Phyllis of Van-India and Mildred Johnson, Messrs, City; Marie Kemper, of Troy; Margat t Blackwell, of Fayette; Mary Pol-

Kansas City; Dick Appling, of Mont-Liberty. On Sunday evening the following Mrs. S. D. Stocks entertained the F.

ed a very delicions two-course lunch Mr. and Mrs. Alf Moore, Miss Mil- Mr and Mrs. George Will Robert-Mrs. Wallace Fry, Mrs. L. M. White, ertson, and Mrs. Wallace, of Bunceton. After the show the guests were invited to the Robertson home and en-

joyed a very palatable lunch. On Friday afternoon Mrs. Charles Claybrook entertained the F. A. E. Club. After the games, the hostess extra guests were Mrs. Fred Howe. Club on Friday afternoon. Mrs. S. J. Mrs. C. B. Morris, Mrs. F. P. Van slightly better Saturday. Buckner was awarded the prize, Ness, Mrs. D. D. Dudley, Mrs. Richard Myall, of Liberty, Mrs. McCabe tinues to improve. Howe, of Kansas City, and Miss Ger-

Gladys Van Ness, whose society column has been a feature of the Mexisurprise party on Thursday night, co Ledger for the last year, has resigned from the Ledger staff. Miss Ness had achieved no small amount of fame by her clever para-

A THOROUGH TEST One to Convince The Most Skeptical Mexico Readers,

The test of time is the test that counts.

Doan's Kidney Pills have made their reputation by effective action.

The following case is typical.

Mexico residents should be con-

The testimony is confirmed - the proof complete Testimony like this cannot be ig-

Edward Dermody, Clark Ave., Mex-

The above statement was given on November 16, 1911, and on June 14, 1916, Mr. Dermody said: "I have never been bothered by kidney complaint since recommending Doan's Kidney Pills in 1911. I still think this medicine is one of merit and endorse it just as strongly today as I did before."

aremarkable recording by ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Dermody has twice publicly recommended. Foster—Milburn—Control Props., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.

MANY WANT BANK POSITION WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4 -Active campaigning for official posi- Bunning are from Oregon. All three tions in the Federal Farm Loan pairs, by a coincidence, seleted the Bank to be located in St. Louis have Coast Artillery Corps as the branch been begun here. Petitions were cir- of service they desired to enlist in culated among members of Congress and all three pairs were assigned to resterday for Cornelius Roach, re- the Phillipines. tiring Secretary of State; Oliver J. Lloyd, of Shelbina, Mo., son of Congressman James T. Lloyd, and Henry Woodward, of St. Louis, formerly of Mexico, Mo. Roach and Woodward both seek the presidency of the bank, while young Lloyd is an applicant for Secretary. Before they may obtain quite a lot of new furniture destroy-

the bank's directorate, five members of which are to be named. Lloyd is secretary of the Old Bank Trust Company of Shelbina and formerly was cashier of the National Bank of that place.

J. C. Welsh, president of the Bank istar of the St. Louis Bank. In all, more than 100 applications

Dr. Ashby Grantham, of Joplin, came to Mexico Friday evening to be City. His many Mexico friends were Miss Gertrude Fry. ate five-course dinner on Saturday at the bedaide of his sister, Mrs. S. greatly pleased to see him looking Mr. and Mrs. G. N. night in honor of her birthday. Red P. Emmons, who is quite sick.

John Guthrie, Roy Mitchell and Wal- Rails Have Been Sold to Junk Dealer from Southern Portion of the Electric Ro d Here.

WIRE TO BE REMOVED

Ties and Fences to Be Kept Intact and Right-of-Way Will Likely be Bought Later.

Recordless of the fact that the junk dealer, and that the wire will

graced the center of the table with a The steel rails were purchased by to the Orpheum. The following named young people were present: Misses McKinley buy the road he would young people were present: Misses have taken up the rails and replaced growing, tomato and potato growing. Vera Rutter, Caroline Worrell, Evelyn them with 70 pound steel and also

Every effore was made to find a but no bids were secured. The project Mr. and Mrs. Lester Miller gave a is not abandoned, according to Judge watch party at their country home on Botts, but a buyer for the right of way Sunday evning. After the guests ar- which is graded for 8 miles, and part-

The Habit of Taking Cold. guest a gift. After this each one was given a stunt to do, and for the best stunt performed Carter Norris was awarded the prize. At a late hour the B. McKinley and Mr. and Mrs. F. P.
Van Ness.
On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs.
Sam Evans gave a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Trimble, of Kansas City.
A basket of galax leaves from North Carolina and pepper berries from Cal-

prietor of the Mexico Message, now Mrs. R. W. Ray, of Benton City. ocated at Keyes, California, is send-

paper references is now become a man -following in the footsteps of his illustrious father I trust, except where that father sidestepped occasionally. I have started twice to write you, but was too busy to conclude the letlard, of Kansas City, and Hurst, of ters-could not make them short Ft. Collins, Colorado; Messrs. George enough when writing you—too big a field to cover. As ever, yours, Kansas City: Dick Appling, of Mont.

J. N. Cross.

Found a Sure Thing.

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere,

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mrs. Martha Eston, who has been i he Hospital for several weeks, re urned to her home Saturday. Mrs. Sarah Alderman, of Martins urg, who has been at the Hospital, as returned to her home in Martins-

urg, going Saturday. Charles P. Newman, of near Mexico, derwent an operation at the Hos

pital Saturday. Fred Riggs continues to improve.

Cadet Gholson, of the Missouri Milerly prepared and fitted. The island described by the first Academy who is ill with men.

And And the first During that entire period the presentation of the Missouri Milerly prepared and fitted. The island serious bruises. Fred Riggs continues to improve. monia at the Hospital, was reported \$3.75 to \$20, the higher priced pro-The condition of Carol Glover con

Bad Habits. Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and
have dinner at six are almost certain
to be troubled with indigestion. They
do not allow time for one meal to
digest before taking another. Not
less than five hours should elapse
between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your hab-its and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick remedy. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enables it to perform its functions natural-ly. Obtainable everywhere.

OLD POULTRY HOUSE BURNS. The old poultry house, near the Thicago & Alton freight depot, was ported aproximately 15 billion miles. destroyed by fire about 4 o'clock

Thursday morning. The building, which was vacant, as owned by the F. M. Stamper Co. of Moberly, and the ground on which the building stood, was owned by Gue

Steinman. Fire was discovered in the buildng at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday after soon and extinguished by passersby The origin of the fire is not known The fire company went to the build ng at 8 o'clock Thursday morning and worked there for some time, to The above statement was given on make certain that all vestige of the

fire was extinguished. ARMY GOT 3 PAIRS OF TWINS SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4. - Th district headquarters recruiting office of the United States army made a remarkable record one day recently when three pairs of twins were ta

California can claim none of the twin products. One pair, Charles F. and Henry Roemis, hails from Ro chester, N. Y.; John C. and Fred G. Piefer and Joseph B. and Herman W

Loss by Fire. Mrs. L. F. Austin, formerly of thi city, writes to friends in this city from her home in Tullahoma, Tenn that on Thursday of Christmas Week their home was partially burned an these offices, they must be elected to ed. Their many Mexico friends wil regret to learn of Mr. and Mrs. Aus

tin's misfortune. Treasurer-Elect Middlekamp Ill. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 4. eorge Middlekamp, State Treasurer elect, is seriously ill at his home in of Elsberry, is a candidate for reg. Hawk Point, of pneumonia and may dition, belonging to Frank and Fanny be unable to attend the inaugural Novy, was sold at the Court House ceremoines here next Monday, when Friday afternoon at Trustee's Sale. have been filed for positions in the he was to have taken the oath of J. B. Armstrong purchased the lot for

D. L. Morton is here from Karsas

SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF AUDRAIN IS THIRD IN BOYS R. R. NOT ABANDONED AND GIRLS CLUB WORK

Audrain is Third Among Counties of State in Boys' and Girls' Club Work at Farmers' Week.

2,000 FARMERS THERE

Audrain Boys Who Attended Farmers' Week Are Enthusiastic Over Meetings There.

Audain county stands third among mils on the southern extension of the counties of Missouri in the work the electric line have been sold to a of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, organized by the extension department of be removed, Judge W. W. Botts says the University of Missouri among the this does not mean the project has boys and girls of the rural schools throughout the State.

table decoration was a beautiful poinsettia. Covers were laid for the following: Judge and Mrs. Alex Car.
held the place cards. A birthday cake throughout the State, under the direction of the Extension Department candle for each year on it. After Walter L. Zlnicker, of St. Louis, and of the College of Agriculture of the

> baking, sewing, and canning clubs Raymond Snook, of Mexico, and Oscar Erdel, of Rush Hill, who returned from Columbia Friday, brought back with them the ribbon awarded to Audrain county for the work of the Clubs in this county. The boys are very enthusiastic over Farmers' Week and are anxious to see more clubs organized in this county this year. They say the trip to Columbia and the lec-

Also tions for the girls and women of the farm as well as for the men. There are domestic science talks and demonstrations by the instructors in these ourses in the University.

Audrain county was represented by Penant Atchison, Worcester; Theodore J. N. Cross Wants "Old Home" News. Selb, Mexico; Oscar Erdel, Rush Hill; J. N. Cross, formerly editor and pro-Raymond Snook, Mexico, and Mr. and

UKULELE INDUSTRY GROWING. south the sky was a ghastly green, apparent that the ukulele has in- unearthly glow. vaded the American market with in the public regard. Those who have closed the door and placed my back have speculated upon its source. A. could do. When the storm struck it P. Taylor, a correspondent of the fed-seemed as if the end of the world had

Portuguese at Honolulu, Hawaiian went all to pieces. slands. It was a popular vehicle of

vaded the American market. eased to sixteen hundred a month, pupils, my poor little children. and the orders from music dealers

and ukuleles a month. duct being heavily beaded. With the new companies forming, the output furing this year is estimated at for-

RAILROAD HAS CLEAN RECORD PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5. - The Pennsylvania Railroad in 1916 carried 196,294,146 passengers on its lines east and west of Pitts burg withdent, according to statistics made public by the company yesterday. It vas a record breaking year in the handling of both passengers and freight

No passengers have been killed or any lines of the Pennsylvania Sys tem in three years, in which time 553,890,063 persons have been trans-More than nine million freight and passenger trains were operated over vasse, Thursday. In payment for the the company's 12,000 miles of railroad lines in the 3-year period.

DIXIES FAST DAY

We are thinking of ye, brothers, Of the struggle dark and deep, Of the fast day sad and weary That ye often have to keep: Of the toilsome march and ever The cold and rugged bed And our heart is bowed in sorrow We cannot taste our bread.

We are weeping for ye, brothers, Our injured Dixie's friends-On your brave and gallant daring There more than life depends-But our spirit sometimes falters With waiting for the day. Of redepution from these horrors And the tears will force their way

We are praying for ye, brothers; The closet is our shrine We dare not lift our voices Beneath the stranger's brine. But God is ever nearer The poor and broken heart, And this day with Dixie's daughters We'll bear our humble part. Bring peace unto her borders;

Oh! Stay this bloody tide,

This doubtful, dark eclipse, May we emerge in glory-With Thy name on our lips. Written January 27, 1863

And bid her lift her drooping head

Once more in freedom's pride.

And as we pass this Jordan,

Mrs. Geo. W. Adams, Mexico Mo. A lot in the Lakenan & Barnes ad-\$25. The property was sold subject to a mortgage. Joe Gregroy acted

as auctioneer. Alfred Larsen sontinues to improve



Your Druggist has sold Dr. King's New Discovery for coughs and colds since the day he opened his own store, and before that, when he was clerking for his "old boss" he made satisfied customers when he sold Dr.King's New Discovery. It has been the standard

preparation for bronchial affections for nearly 50 Those who have used it

longest are its best friends. It gives grateful relief in stub-born coughs and colds. Try it.

GIRL TELLS EXPERIENCE IN OKLAHOMA FLOOD HOLD SOME STATE RECORDS

ing of Flood in Which 15 Children Lost Lives.

STORM CAME SUDDENLY Children Were Given No Time

to Save Themselves. McALLISTER, Okla., Jan. 5. How the little rural school house at ripped to pieces by a tornado, caushospital here, where she is under lodge members. treatment for injuries received in the

"I was hearing a primary class when

SEATTLE, Jan. 4. - It has become which lightened everything with an

"The cloud twisted and whirled some promise of a permanent place straight toward the school house. I not attempted harmony upon it may against it. There was nothing we eral department of commerce, has giv- come, so great was the roar and conn some information on that point. fusion, as the school house, lifted The ukulele was first produced by into the air, twisted dizzily and then

"I was battered against pieces of flyausic in the islands long before it in-Mr. Taylor tells us that September
1, 1915, the ukulele factories of the islands were turning out five hundred or six hundred instruments a month.

Tible blast of air, which would be almost unconscious. It was awful! swful! It seemed as if I was being drawn into a mighty whirlpool. Dark objects whirl
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"After a time I found myself lying The ukulele is made principally of Through the clouds the sun was break- important business. he native wood. The peculiar tone ing and a rain was falling gently."

> Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Home county, returned home recently from records cannot be beaten in the State, city into a larger community. J. W. Victoria, Texas, after spending Xmas with their son, I. D. Lambert and family. On the 24th their son took them motoring to the coast, the water becontented themselves by gazing at the as his share from the Willard-Moran great salt water. The day beng ideal for motoring, as also were the shell roads, they passed through and gathered oranges and comquats from the large fruit groves. They were delighted with the Sunny South and thought it an ideal place to spend the

New Auxyasse Store Owner S. B. Ham, of Venice this county, purchased the general merchandise store of H. B. Van Hooser, at Auxstock Mr. Ham gives Mr. Van Hooser an equity in a farm near Venice. The Dudley store building, one of the most in the last few years the stock has been owned by French & Burt, A. D. Williams & Son, and Charles S. Dun-husband is associated with the establishment about Nov. 1.-Ful-

Prosecuting Attorney R. D. Rodg-

AUDRAIN MASONIC OFFICERS

Vireton, Okla., Teacher Tells of Com. J. J. Steele, of This City, Secretary of Three Bodies at the Same Time for Twenty-Three Years.

A REGLAR ATTENDANT

he Storm Came so Suddenly That the John H. Thole, of Vandalia, Has Miss. ed Only One meeting of His Lodge in Past 26 Years .

Audrain county has two Masonic officers whose records cannot be Club the support it required. Owing Vireton, Ok., was torn from its foun-equaled in the State. They are J. J. made and the small dining room Steele, of this city, and John H. space which limited the number many ing the deaths of 15 children, was de- Thole, of Vandalia. Both have been could not be invited who should have scribed yesterday by Miss Vera Carter Masons for many years and held in been present. Their co-operation the teacher, as she lay on a cot in a the highest esteem by their fellow however, will be sought at once.



JOHN J. STEELE.

These three bodies meet at least once a month and frequently often- times its present size. were far from being all filled. Last on a hillside, many children stretched er. Mr. Steele, during the time since Sam Morris said he favored a good, anoth a company was organized in near me, some of them motionless, 1893 when he was placed in office, active club and would give his time Honolulu to manufacture two thous- some of them moaning in pain. Their has missed very few of the sessions and money. William Pollock, who

clothes were covered with blood and only then because of illness or came here 47 years ago last June, Mr. Thole was re-elected secretary a committee of one to aid in the work produced is said to be obtained only Miss Carter will recover, despite a of Vandalia Lodge, No. 491, A. F. & of making Mexico grow and in coing and that was when he was sick of the club and expressed his faith Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, of Audrain in bed. Mr. Thole's and Mr. Steele's in such an organization to build the

> if elsewhere in the country. WIFE SHES McCRACKEN

ing too cool to take a plunge, they Samuel McCracken received \$29,000 White made a short appeal for unifight, Mrs. McCracken says all she received was a blow on the cheek. the best means for intelligent and J. McD. Trimble at the Windsor Ho-According to her testimony in her lasting growth. separation action in the Supreme Court vesterday, she went to the Mc. Alpin Hotel to ask McCracken "to and co-operation then as he is now. do the right thing by her" since he had received so much money. The blow was what he gave her she told themselves and said we must stand by Justice Giegerich. McCracken is a the enterprises we already have as former Fulton, Mo., boy and well

known in Mexico. McCracken was formerly general manager for the Barnum and Bailey circus, receiving \$10,000 a year, his stock of goods is in the new E. M. wife says. In those days, before they separated, Mrs. McCracken says he nodern buildings in Auxvasse. With- gave \$200 a month to her for pin money. In addition to his Willard-Moran profits, Mrs. McCracken says her avant. Mr Van Hooser traded for Rickard in the direction of the American tour of Les Darcy.

Leopold Barth returned Friday fron St. Louis, where he went to meet his ers is home from a business trip to mother, who returned from an ex-

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BUSINESS MEN AGREE TO BACK COMMERCIAL CLUB

Sixty-Three Citizens Gather at the Hotel Hoxsey and Discuss Welfare of City and Its Growth.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED Seven Act as Hosts in Order That Sentiment of Public Can Be Ascertained Regarding Or. ganization

A large number of Mexico business men gathered at the Hotel Housey at seven o'clock Thursday evening and after expressing themselves concern ing the city and its needs agreed to unite behind the Mexico Commercial Club and give the organization the moral and financial support necessary to make the institution become power as a community builder. There were sixty-three names to the list which was attached to an agreemen of the above expression and every man present voted to make such a dinner a monthly affair.

The supper was a hurriedly arranged affair. Nate Phillip, W. W. Pollock, Roy Ferris, Sam Morris, H. D. Llewellyn, and Mitchell White were the hosts. They are all directors of the Commercial Club and at a meeting Wednesday night decided to in vite as many business men as could be accommodated in the hotel dining room to attend the dinner, at their expense, and learn whether they were willing to give the Commercial

C. A. Barnes acted in the capacit Mr. Steele, who joined the Masonic of toastmaster and made a splendic Lodge in 1858, has been Secretary of director of the interesting program Hebron Lodge, No. 354, A. F. & A. Those who were invited thought they the storm broke," Miss Carter said, M., Royal Arch Chapter, A. F. & A. were to attend a small affair and the "It had been raining, but we thought M, and Crusade Commandry Knights surprise occasioned upon their disothing of that until above the noise Templar, all of this city, for the past covery of the large number of diners was most amusing. Each man invited about 15 to take supper with them

and said nothing of their purpose. Mr. Barnes outlined the purpose of 10, 20, 30 and 40 the meeting in a short address and then introduced J. W. Million. Mr. Years Ago This Week Million said the city must have a Commercial Club to grow and cited the necessity of such an institution at this time in offering co-operation to the two railroads which are preparing to build into this city. He said the Santa Fe, especially, would bring the entire Southwest to our doors without change of cars and make us have better railroad facilities than any other city our size in the State. closed by saying our goal should be 25,000 population in the next ten

R. H. Gray, of the A P. Green Fire Brick Co., urged unified effort to make Mexico grow and stated the brick plant was doubling its capacity That a year ago only a few over 100

stated every man should feel himself

T. J. Williams urged the necessiay Dry said he was proud of the institutions we now have and co-operation would be the only means of further NEW YORK, Jan. 4. - Although ing them and securing more. Mitchell a partnership for the practice of fication and stated what factory propositions were in sight. John Wash-

W. W. Fry said he came here on September 1, 1876, and discovered the editor of the Ledger urging factories J. D. Morris Dry Goods Co He went after the various lines of business here for fighting among well as those to come. He cited the instance of driving the old brick plant from Mexico because of prosecution

Mr. Fry said the McKinley system and another electric rail road were ready to enter here as soon as the antagonistic legislation against foreign capital in Misouri, passed years ago, was repealed as it would likely be at the present term of the Legislature. E. R. Locke stated he was an old resident having come to Mexico on Jan. 18, 53 years ago. That we could do anything here that could be done elsewhere and favored going after factories. F. W. Pilcher said the club would only succeed if it had the full co-operation of the membership with

action and money to aid their efforts. R. D. Worrell urged saying only good things and stop the knocking. That the club was always a profit to the community and we must have a good live organization. We cannot prosper without it. L. W. Hawthorn spoke upon the splendid school systeem here which resulted from uni fied effort of our citizenship and sug gested we must get together on other local matters.

Mayor Harrison said the city would be glad to co-operate with the club in any way possible. He felt that we must support loyally those institutions we now have as well as seek new Secretary Buffington closed the evening with a short talk. He re-

ferred to the club as really an insurance for the community-insuring that matters of interest to the growth of the city would receive proper attention and backing when the proper time arrived. C. P. Malone, the new president, was introduced and thanked the club for their interest and assurance of loyal aid throughout the

The following is the agreement, presented at the meeting, with the

January 4, 1917. The undersigned hereby pledge themselves as members of a Commercial Club at Mexico, Mo., for the year 1917, and our co-operative support: Nate Phillip Clarence A Ratness

J W Buffington

J W Dry George H Kunkel Paul E Coil W B Sappingto J Earl Brown A C Barnes R H Gray J Frank Jolley A P Green Gus W Steinn T J Hoxsey B F Haskell Rolla McIntyre S M Sharp John L Washington J W Wooldridge Walter J Sannebe L A Beech J L Paul J G Lakenan W L Craddock Penney-Jackman Co. H D Llewellyn P L Hanly O H Brown F A Sannebeck Rufus Jackson H Hassen Jos H Smith Criswell Drug Co Arthur Holmes Thos F Roden J C Mundy Sam Morris W W Fry L R Ferris I T McCue Ross R Wagne Fred W Pilcher A L Elliott S P Guthrie J E Davis E Y Burton

W W Pollock

E A Dearing

Lohis L Barth

J W Gallaher

J F Harrison

C P Malone

J R Jesse

W G Wilkin

R D Worrell

Herbert Pryor

Cy Phillip

John W Million

L B Hawthorne

10 YEARS AGO.

An organization of the Newspapers of Audrain County was formed. M. White, of the Mexico Ledger, was elected President and L. A. Bird, of the Vandalia Mail and Express, was elected Secretary. William Sims entertained a number

of his friends with a goose dinner at his home, two miles north of Mexico in honor of Jesse Wade, of Montana, formerly of this city. The guesta were C. W. Lewis, R. B. Buckner, W. Latney Barnes, J. R. and W. W. Johnson, B R. Middleton J B. Woolery, Theodare Holtkamp and J. G. Ford. Circuit Clerk Morris and Sheriff A. P. Johnson with I. M. Green were in St. Louis selecting furniture for the Circuit Room, which had been re-

elers Protective Association, held a panquet at the Hotel Hoxsey. Otis Purdy purchased the interest of his partner J. W. Wooldridge, 20 YEARS AGO.

Fifteen members of Post "I." Trav-

Prof. Arthur Lee, Principal of the Clinton Public Schools, and Miss Lida Bloom, of Mexico, were mar-A thief entered the home of J. A of value.

Mrs. Sallie West, 74 years old, died at her home in this city. Mrs. W. F. Whitney won the cuckoo clock that was given away by Worrell, the Jeweler. 30 YEARS AGO.

Drs. Dodson and J. R. Fritts formed

A farewell dinner was given to Mr. telfi previous to his departure for his new home in Kansas City. P. H. Gantt bought the interest of E. R. Locke and R. L. Morris in the

40 YEARS AGO Frank Craddock, of this city, was attending school in Columbia. Frank Pierce and Miss Mary Rrag. omier, both of Mexico, were married by the Rev. Vincil. John Clark was conducting a gro-

Mr. Ward was engaged to teach a

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